

WM. H. ROGERS.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 535.]

MARCH 30, 1860.

Mr. STOKES, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William H. Rogers, report:

That having examined the proofs in the case, they find that the petitioner volunteered as chaplain in 1847 in the Mexican war, in Col. McClelland's regiment of infantry, and served in that capacity until discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, about the 20th September, 1848, after the close of the war. He was elected chaplain for the brigade of Gen. Twiggs. While in the line of his duty he was attacked with a severe diarrhoea, which continued for some time to develop itself until it partially yielded to medical treatment; but from exposure to the climate of Mexico and the hardships of the camp, the disease settled in his right side and leg. That his present condition is one of three-fourths disability. These facts are shown by surgeons' certificates and abundant evidence of those who were with him and have known him since. His application to the department for a pension was rejected on the ground that no law exists allowing pensions to chaplains in the United States army. Your committee report a bill granting him a pension at the rate of \$6 per month from January 1, 1860, and recommend its passage.

